

The 6th Annual Buddy Awards

2016 Ballot

These awards are named in honor of Murray "Buddy" McKay, a piper and founding member of the Kilts of Many Colours, now departed from our midst, but still an occasional Mardi Gras visitor.

He was Pipe Major Steve Brownlee's first piping student, organizer of the band's first parade gig, and a stalwart, dependable member of the KOMC community.

He is well loved, and remembered fondly for his reliability, his good humor under all conditions, and his inability to keep a white shirt clean.

NOTE: All KOMC members are eligible for Buddy Awards

Favorite Gig

This award acknowledges the favorite gig of the season. This includes all performances and parades. Chosen by majority vote of the band.

Nominee: _____

Favorite Pipe Score (set)

This award acknowledges the band's favorite set, based on the pipe score. Both new and old sets are eligible. Chosen by majority vote of the band.

Nominee: _____

Favorite Drum Score (set)

This award acknowledges the band's favorite set, based on the drum score. Both new and old sets are eligible. Chosen by majority vote of the band.

Nominee: _____

Best =

This is a fill-in-the-blank award, created to accommodate special circumstances in the season which may not repeat. For example, if an earthquake sent a building across our parade route, and a member jumped on it to see if the route beyond the building was clear, they might be nominated for the Best Catastrophic Scout award. **Hint: A member must have at least two similar nominations to win.** If you have a good idea for the award, consider campaigning for it. Remember to nominate both **the award name and the member, with a brief description of why you thought of it.**

Nominee: _____

Best KOMC member

This award is given to the best overall KOMC member for that season. Considerations may include, but are not limited to: attendance at rehearsals and performances, attitude, and commitment to the growth and well being of the band. Chosen by majority vote of the band.

Nominee: _____

Best Deportment

This award is given to the KOMC piper or drummer who best complies with the band's ideal in deportment. Considerations include behavior on the parade route, response to call to order from the drum major or pipe major, and marching. Chosen by the Pipe Major, with considerable weight given to the majority vote.

Nominee: _____

Most Beastly Band Member

This award is given to the band member who best personified beastliness this season. Considerations include those who either steadfastly performed in our exhausting schedule (strong but silent types), or who stepped up under adverse circumstances, either personal or external, thus showing themselves to be a Beast. Chosen by majority vote of the band.

Nominee: _____

Best "Buddy"

This award is given when, during the season, a member exemplifies one or more legendary traits of Buddy McKay. These include, but are not limited to: food stains on a white shirt on a parade day, joining parades enroute, fatigued lips, second-guessing the pipe major, reliability, and good naturedness in all conditions. Awarded **with irregularity** by the pipe major, who will consider nominations from band members.

Nominee: _____